

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed on May 6, 2005, 8 and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Thomas; claims 1, 3-6, 15 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas in view of Field; claims 2, 16, 17 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas in view of Field and further in view of the ATVEF specification; claims 9, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas in view of the ATVEF specification; and claims 7 and 24-28 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

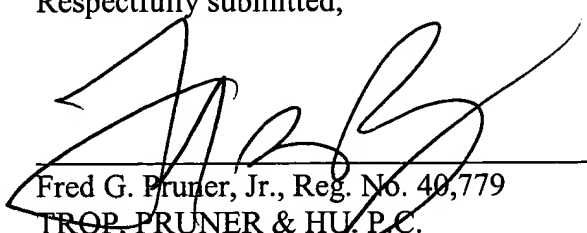
The limitations of claims 24, 26, 27 and 28 have been incorporated into independent claims 1, 8, 10 and 11, respectively. For at least the reason that the Examiner has indicated that claims 24, 26, 27 and 28 are allowable if rewritten in independent form, allowance of claims 1-5 and 7-14 is requested. Additionally, claim 25 has been rewritten in independent form as newly-added independent claim 30. For at least the reason that the Examiner indicated that claim 25 was allowable if rewritten in independent form, allowance of newly-added claims 32-26 is requested. Claims 6 and 15-29 have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, a favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance are requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0208US).

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